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Dear Sylvia,

I spoke with the publisher yesterday, and got Tink's "Reader's Report" about my book.

The managing editor told me that the changes suggested by Tink were of such a nature that no one there had the competence to make them, and that he and the Director decided the only thing to do now was to return the whole thing to me to let me make the changes if I want, and then resubmit it as a new book. He said that it would have to be gamble, and in response to a specific question, he said he could not commit himself to a promise to publish. He did say that I would have a very good chance of publication with them if I revised as suggested, that he felt I really had something, but that the book, upon re-submission, would be put "through the mill," i.e., read by many readers and some lawyers prior to final decision.

On the whole, I think Tink's report is quite fair and very constructive. Needless to say, I disagree with him on many points, but from the perspective of a coherent, forceful and marketable book, he has given me a meaningful and helpful formula for revision. The changes are of a nature that I am confident I can make them, probably within one or two months--which will have to wait until my summer break. The hassle will be getting it typed again, though my mother will do it. As I go over the book, I'll write you in more detail about what I want to omit and revise.

In all, I am very encouraged by Tink's report. I'm sure it must have made a great impression on the publishers, and I do not feel presumptuous in saying he has given my work and analysis as good a review as can be expected, though he has not viewed my presentation and style so highly.

I must sign off in haste. Hope to be in touch with you again soon.

Best wishes,

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